GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSRTACT

Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries Department - Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - Steps to be taken by the Societies to create institutional frame works to make the Act a reality- Guidelines / Instructions – Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (AH-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 29 Dated: 31-07-2017

Read the following:-

1. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.
2. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Establishment and Regulation of Societies of prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Rules, 2001.
3. G.O.Ms.No.13, AH,DD&F (AH-III) Department,dated:2-3-2009.
4. G.O.Rt.No.23, AHDD&F (AH-I) Department, dated. 25-01-2017.

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ORDER:-

The Parliament had passed the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act way back in 1960. This is a progressive measure aimed at treating animals with care and consideration. In pursuance to this Act, Rules have been framed by the Government in 2001. All the District Collectors are requested to familiarize themselves with this Act and Rules. In pursuance to these Rules, the SPCA has to be formed in all districts with the Dist. Collector as the Chairman with several officials, NGOs and others as Members. In many districts, these meetings are not being held regularly. Also no concrete steps have been taken by the Societies to create institutional frame works to make this Act a reality.

2. In order to handle this onerous responsibility it is necessary to involve NGOs, major temples (which have cow protection as one of their major goals) and enlightened private citizens and philanthropists also. Keeping these aspects in view, the following guidelines are issued:-

A. **Development of Animal Shelters:**

i. SPCA should construct at least one animal shelter in the District. It should be in a location that can be monitored easily.

ii. The land should be fenced with chain linked mesh.

iii. bore well should be dug and electrified.

iv. Tubs should be provided to store drinking water.

v. Cattle sheds should be constructed either with thatch or with galvalume sheets.

vi. One Gopala (cowherd) should be appointed to take care of cattle full time. He can be paid some reasonable remuneration. He should ideally be provided simple accommodation within animal shelter campus.

vii. Fodder should be cultivated in a substantial part of the campus; leaving some land for free movement of cattle and for cattle sheds. The land where fodder is cultivated within the animal shelter campus should be protected from the cattle till the fodder crop grows fully after which can be cut and fed to animals.

viii. Electrification should be done in the animal shelter campus.

ix. NREGS funds should be tapped for this purpose as it is permissible under the scheme.

x. Collector should identify the nearest veterinary dispensary and make it mandatory for the veterinary officer to visit the animal shelter regularly, preferably once in two or three days. A Register should be kept in the animal shelter campus to note the attendance of the veterinary officer.

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xi. Collectors are advised to identify two or three major temples in the district where Goshalas are already in operation and discuss with the Executive Officers concerned for expansion of the goshala activity, if necessary.

xii. Collectors should invariably utilize the Goshalas run by temples to the extent feasible. The Collector should also identify reputed Goshalas which are being run by private institutions, associations and trusts and seek their support to take care of stray cattle.

B. **Running of SPCA:**

The Society should also consider mobilizing / raising some funds from philanthropists etc., so that it can be spent for running the animal shelter and for other animal welfare activities periodically. Collector should have a small office setup to constantly monitor the subject.

C. Sensitizing official Machinery:

Sensitize all important officials in the district who are concerned with this subject viz., Police, Revenue, Transport, Animal Husbandry, PR & RD and Endowments Department periodically as certain incidents which have occurred in the recent past regarding handling of animals indicate a lack of proper appreciation on the part of some officials.

3. All the concerned departments / Officials shall take necessary action to follow the above guidelines scrupulously.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHR APRADESH)

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The Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada
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The PR & RD Department
The Home Department
The Revenue (Endowments) Department
The MA & UD Department
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